

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
June 2, 1924.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, June 2, 1924, and was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by President Smith. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith. Absent: None.

"We will waive the regular order of business", said President Smith, "to hear protests against the issuing of bonds for payment of work done in the Plaza Del Amo-222nd district and in the Martina-manuel district".

No protests being voiced, nor any having been filed with the Clerk, the Clerk read:

RESOLUTION NO. 175

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,
RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF STREET
IMPROVEMENT BONDS PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION
OF INTENTION NO. 149, DETERMINING THE
AMOUNT OF UNPAID ASSESSMENTS, PRESCRIB-
ING THE DENOMINATIONS OF SUCH BONDS
AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR ISSUANCE

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Resolution No. 175 be adopted as written, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence
and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The Clerk read:

RESOLUTION NO. 176

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,
RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF STREET
IMPROVEMENT BONDS PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION
OF INTENTION NO. 147 DETERMINING THE AMOUNT
OF UNPAID ASSESSMENTS, PRESCRIBING THE
DENOMINATIONS OF SUCH BONDS AND PROVIDING
FOR THEIR ISSUANCE

Trustee Deininger moved that Resolution No. 176 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence
and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The regular order of business was resumed by the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 1924, which same were approved as read.

Under written communications, the Clerk read one from Dr. Lancaster who recommended the re-districting of Torrance so that the City could keep its own registry of births and deaths.

Trustee Brooks moved that the City Attorney be authorized to take the necessary steps to make our own registration district for births and deaths. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion

which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:
 AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence
 and Smith.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The second letter from Dr. Lancaster requested the removal of a "HOSPITAL" sign from the northwest corner of Arlington and Carson, as the same was misleading and its presence a bad precedent.

On motion by Trustee Torrence, seconded the Trustee Fitzhugh, and a majority vote, above matter was referred to the Police Dept.

A communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce
read as follows:

"Gentlemen:

The Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, at their regular meeting held Tuesday afternoon May 27, 1924, unanimously passed the following Resolution:

That this Board go on record as being against the condemnation proceedings being instituted by the City of Torrance on Redondo Boulevard between Border Ave. and the west side of Post Ave. and a copy of this resolution be presented to the City Trustees, the Business Men's Association, and the Torrance Herald.

Signed: Harry F. Gadeky, Sec'y"

On motion by Trustee Torrence, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and a majority vote, the above letter was referred to the Street Committee.

The Clerk read:

"The Business Men's Association of Torrance met in special session Thursday, May 29th, at noon, to consider the subject of 'Routing of Traffic.'

Motion: "That the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance institute condemnation proceedings against the P. E. Railway Co. on a large portion of right-of-way on El Prado Ave. adjacent to Border Avenue."

Carried unanimously.

Motion: 'That Redondo Boulevard P. E. Ry. Co. right-of-way be condemned from Border Avenue to westerly side of Post Avenue.' Defeated by Noes 15, Yes 5.

Motion: 'That we favor condemnation proceedings on P. E. Ry. right-of-way on Cabrillo Ave.'

Carried unanimously.

Signed: Harry F. Gadeky
Sec'y Business Men's Assoc."

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the above letter be referred to the Street committee. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Another communication from the local Chamber of Commerce follows:

"Gentlemen:

The Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at their meeting held Tuesday May 27th, passed the following motion:

Moved by Mr. Gourdier, seconded by Mr. Klusman, that this Chamber of Commerce go on record as favoring a proper lighting system for the City of Torrance, installed at the earliest possible date.

Resp. Submitted.

Signed: Harry F. Gadeky, Sec'y

The above letter was referred to the Police committee on motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote.

The Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion submitted a copy of a Resolution supporting the proposed School bond issue which same was ordered filed on motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote.

A petition submitted by residents in the vicinity of Plaza Del Amo and Arlington, complaining of the dust as being a menace to health and comfort, was read, same requesting that 500 yards of street west of Arlington be oiled.

The President of the Board remarked that this matter was already being attended to by the City Engineer.

A petition, signed by some 70 property owners requesting that "Redondo Blvd. from the paved portion west of the Pacific Electric depot to the northwest side of Post Avenue, be condemned and paved", was read by the Clerk.

Trustee Deininger moved that this petition be referred to the Street committee with the former petitions. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The tentative condemnation proceedings on Redondo Blvd. came in for quite a general discussion under oral communications, but, as it might take a couple of years to put this deal through, there seemed to be no special hurry, according to President Smith; and no action was taken.

In this connection, a letter from the Dominguez Land Co. concerning the dedicating and paving of the Redondo Blvd. from Madrid west was read by the Clerk.

President Smith thought the committee had a pretty good idea as to how the residents and Business men felt on this proposition and would probably have the answer by the next meeting.

Trustee Torrence reported in re street lights near MacDowell courts, as requested by Mr. MacDowell, that there were two ways of getting connections--one costing \$225.00 and the other \$135.00--but as either way was connected with a prohibitive price, he had explained same to Mr. MacDowell who agreed that it might as well be dropped.

Also as to a charging machine for the Police and Fire Dept. the \$16.00 model was not thought to be usable and a larger one costing \$26.00 had been ordered after having referred same to the rest of the committee.

Trustee Deininger reported that the committee would like a little more time regarding sidewalks and paving below 222d; also that the Engineer was busy on the proposed Perry road.

Trustee Brooks reported that a meeting of the Finance committee was scheduled for Thursday night at 7:00 P.M. to go over the 1926 budget.

Recorder King reported fines amounting to \$3712.50 for the month of May and gave the Board some interesting information regarding his system of assessing fines, stating that whenever possible he used a graduated scale in these assessments, also going into the different classes of cases coming before him, also invited members of the Board to attend his sessions.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the report be accepted and the check deposited. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The Supt. of Streets, Mr. Gascoigne, reported that his force was busy burning grass on vacant lots and harvesting the hay crop on the Sewer farm.

Clerk Bartlett reported that the new offices were ready for occupancy and that he would move this week, also that building permits for the month of May were \$48800.00. This month last year 251,175.00.

A letter from the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. requesting a meeting with the Trustees regarding the placing of aerial cables in certain alleys was read.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Clerk be instructed to make arrangements for such a meeting and that the Edison Co. be invited to have representation present. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Jessup explained his idea of the best route to follow for a road leading to Perry would be to go out Madrid Ave. and turn west from somewhere near the north city limits. This route would do away with grade crossing over the Santa Fe and the terrain was more to be desired. Going north on Madrona Ave. encountered very bad sand and it would be necessary to cross the railroad track either by a grade crossing or a tunnel--the former route being the best and cheapest.

The Engineer also reported that the City of Los Angeles was not going ahead very fast with their portion of Western Avenue. This brought up a discussion of ways and means to try and hurry them up. It was finally settled by Trustee Torrence moving that the Board write a letter to the Los Angeles City Council, same to be delivered by the committee calling on them. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Torrence stated that now there were three patrolmen on duty at night, and another, by name of I. Z. Thorpe, had been employed.

In the matter of tax exemption to induce factories to locate here, Trustee Torrence moved that same be not considered. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Water main extensions were postponed until after the meeting of the Finance committee.

Trustee Fitzhugh introduced:
ORDINANCE NO. 89

AMENDING NO. 15 AND RESCINDING
NOS. 24 AND 39 77

also ORDINANCE NO. 90

RECLASSIFYING PROPERTY
AND AMENDING NO. 51

The matter of amending the Ordinance raising the license fee for peddlers was again referred to the Ordinance committee.

The City Attorney and Engineer were instructed to bring in an estimate of the cost and time necessary to put through the tentative condemnation proceedings on Redondo Blvd. and Cabrillo Streets.

Parking trucks on El Prado east of the P. E. Depot was referred to the Police Dept.

Plans for a new City hall, as mentioned by Trustee Deininger were tabled for the time being, on motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Torrence and a majority vote.

Trustee Deininger moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

At 9:45 P.M., on motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

R. R. Smith
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.

A. H. Baugh
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.